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General Earle G. Wheeler
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Room 2E873, Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20306

Dear General Wheeler:

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) plans to offer a new Project [redacted] course (Number 12) for top level officers of the military establishment. As in the past, the primary objective of this program continues to be that of maintaining and improving reciprocal CIA-DOD cooperation and coordination through providing selected officers of the Armed Services the opportunity to become more fully and accurately acquainted with the CIA mission, functions and capabilities, in peace and in war.

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Previous [redacted] courses have lasted two weeks. [redacted] Number 12, however, is being streamlined so as to cover the essential ground in a one-week period. This will facilitate the attendance, we hope, of some officers of general and flag rank and in any event will reduce to the bare minimum the length of absence of the attending officers from their important duties elsewhere.

The course will be offered at CIA Headquarters from the 18th to the 22d of April 1966. We are prepared to handle up to fifty students in the course and therefore request that you nominate this number of candidates plus fifteen alternates.

An outline of the information requested for each nominee is attached to this letter. Such information should be transmitted to the Director of Training, Central Intelligence Agency, not later than 28 March 1966.

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A review of past [redacted] courses has demonstrated that the best results are achieved when selection of attending officers is based on the following criteria:

a. A current assignment (with at least a year to run) or a scheduled assignment within a major CONUS or overseas command requiring close and frequent contact with CIA representatives.

b. Rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Commander and above.

c. Anticipated retention in the service for at least five years.

With your agreement, I propose that necessary coordination of planning for the military participation in this course be effected through our established contact with SACSA.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

Attachment

Signature Recommended:

Deputy Director for Plans

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